

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

The United States of America

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

BASSEM S. MASRI a/k/a BASSEM MASRI
1560 Abigail Lane
Allentown, PA 18104-8633

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Lehigh

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

28 U.S.C. 1345

Brief description of cause:

Enforced Collections

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

- ☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

BASSEM S. MASRI a/k/a BASSEM MASRI

Defendant

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that the defendants do not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that the defendants shall, with their first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which those defendants believe the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus -- Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. §2241 through §2255. ()
- (b) Social Security -- Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration -- Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos -- Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management -- Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management -- Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

8/24/2017

Date



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA – DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case of the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: c/o Suite 5000 – BNY Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 10106-1532

Address of Defendants: 1560 Abigail Lane Allentown, PA 18104-8633

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: ACTION OF ENFORCED COLLECTIONS

(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this case involve multi-district litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge: _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier number case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL. (Place ☒ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases

1. ☒ Indemnity Contract, Marine contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations
7. ☐ Civil rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☐ All other Federal Question Cases

(Please specify) **Foreclosure of property encumbered by a federal mortgage.**

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. Insurance contract and Other Contracts
2. Airplane Personal Injury
3. Assault, Defamation
4. Marine Personal Injury
5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
7. Products Liability
8. Products Liability – Asbestor
9. All other diversity Cases

(Please specify)

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check appropriate Category)

I, _____, counsel of record do here by certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local civil Rule 52.2. Section 2©(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: _____

(sig)
Attorney-at-Law

Attorney i.d.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 39.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 8/24/17

(sig)
Attorney-at-Law

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Attorney i.d.#

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

**BASSEM S. MASRI a/k/a BASSEM
MASRI**

Defendant

CIVIL NO.

COMPLAINT

The United States of America, on behalf of its Agency, U.S. Department of Education, by its specially appointed counsel, Rebecca A. Solarz of KML LAW GROUP, P.C., represents as follows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1345.
2. The last-known address of the Defendant, BASSEM S. MASRI a/k/a BASSEM MASRI ("Defendant") is 1560 Abigail Lane, Allentown, PA 18104-8633.
3. That the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in principal amount of \$15,340.23, plus interest of \$10,304.87, for a total of \$25,645.10. A true and correct copy of the Certificate of Indebtedness is attached as Exhibit "A" ("Certificate of Indebtedness").

4. That the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in principal amount of \$5,257.00, plus interest of \$2,894.18, for a total of \$8,151.18. A true and correct copy of the Certificate of Indebtedness is attached as Exhibit "B" ("Certificate of Indebtedness").

5. Demand has been made upon Defendant by Plaintiff for the sum due but the amount due remains unpaid.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows;

(A) In the amount \$33,796.28.

(B) Plus filing fee allowed pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1914 in the sum of \$150.00.

(C) Interest from the date of judgment at the legal rate of interest in effect on the date of judgment until paid in full.

(D) Costs of suit.

Notice is hereby given to Defendant that Plaintiff intends to seek satisfaction of any judgment rendered in it favor in this action from any debt accruing.

United States of America by and through
its specially appointed counsel
KML Law Group, P.C.

By: _____
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

**BASSEM S. MASRI a/k/a BASSEM
MASRI**

Defendant

CIVIL NO.

EXHIBITS

“A” CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

“B” CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS #1 OF 2

Bassem S Masri
Aka: Bassem Masri
1560 Abigail Ln
Allentown, PA 18104-8633
Account No. XXXXX6329

I certify that U.S. Department of Education records show that the BORROWER named above is indebted to the United States in the amount stated below plus additional interest from 05/15/17.

On or about 01/14/96 and 07/08/97, the BORROWER executed promissory note(s) to secure loan(s) of \$10,500.00 and \$10,500.00 from PHEAA Keystone Loan Program, Harrisburg, PA. This loan was disbursed for \$5,500.00 & \$5,000.00 on 02/12/97 and \$5,500.00 on 10/15/97 through 01/07/98 at a variable rate of interest to be established annually by the Department of Education. The loan obligation was guaranteed by Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, and then reinsured by the Department of Education under loan guaranty programs authorized under Title IV-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq. (34 C.F.R. Part 682). The holder demanded payment according to the terms of the note, and credited \$1,645.54 to the outstanding principal owed on the loan. The BORROWER defaulted on the obligation on 01/23/02, and the holder filed a claim on the loan guarantee.

Due to this default, the guaranty agency paid a claim in the amount of \$15,340.23 to the holder. The guarantor was then reimbursed for that claim payment by the Department under its reinsurance agreement. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 682.410(b)(4), once the guarantor pays on a default claim, the entire amount paid becomes due to the guarantor as principal. The guarantor attempted to collect this debt from the BORROWER. The guarantor was unable to collect the full amount due, and on 08/25/06, assigned its right and title to the loan to the Department.

Since assignment of the loan, the Department has credited a total of \$0.00 in payments from all sources, including Treasury Department offsets, if any, to the balance. After application of these payments, the BORROWER now owes the United States the following:

Principal:	\$15,340.23
Interest:	\$10,304.87
Total debt as of 05/15/17:	\$25,645.10

Interest accrues on the principal shown here at the current rate of 3.45% and a daily rate of \$1.45 through June 30, 2017, and thereafter at such rate as the Department establishes pursuant to section 427A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1077a.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 8/31/17



Loan Analyst
Litigation Support Unit

Philippe Guillon
Loan Analyst

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS #2 OF 2

Bassem S Masri
Aka: Bassem Masri
1560 Abigail Ln
Allentown, PA 18104-8633
Account No. XXXXX6329

I certify that U.S. Department of Education records show that the BORROWER named above is indebted to the United States in the amount stated below plus additional interest from 05/15/17.

On or about 07/13/98, the BORROWER executed promissory note(s) to secure loan(s) of \$10,000.00 from PHEAA Keystone Loan Program, Harrisburg, PA. This loan was disbursed for \$5,500.00 on 08/25/98 through 01/07/99 at a variable rate of interest to be established annually by the Department of Education. The loan obligation was guaranteed by Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, and then reinsured by the Department of Education under loan guaranty programs authorized under Title IV-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq. (34 C.F.R. Part 682). The holder demanded payment according to the terms of the note, and credited \$552.58 to the outstanding principal owed on the loan. The BORROWER defaulted on the obligation on 01/23/02, and the holder filed a claim on the loan guarantee.

Due to this default, the guaranty agency paid a claim in the amount of \$5,257.00 to the holder. The guarantor was then reimbursed for that claim payment by the Department under its reinsurance agreement. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 682.410(b)(4), once the guarantor pays on a default claim, the entire amount paid becomes due to the guarantor as principal. The guarantor attempted to collect this debt from the BORROWER. The guarantor was unable to collect the full amount due, and on 08/25/06, assigned its right and title to the loan to the Department.

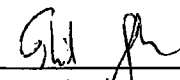
Since assignment of the loan, the Department has credited a total of \$0.00 in payments from all sources, including Treasury Department offsets, if any, to the balance. After application of these payments, the BORROWER now owes the United States the following:

Principal:	\$5,257.00
Interest:	\$2,894.18
Total debt as of 05/15/17:	\$8,151.18

Interest accrues on the principal shown here at the current rate of 2.65% and a daily rate of \$0.38 through June 30, 2017, and thereafter at such rate as the Department establishes pursuant to section 427A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1077a.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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